

Cooperative Environmental Assistance Bureau In the Division of Customer Assistance and External Relations

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Imagine the Possibilities...

Take a look at the innovative programs for your business and community. See what sparks an idea for you!



Innovation and Beyond Compliance

Environmental Cooperation Pilot

Program – This program is designed to evaluate innovative environmental initiatives that use environmental management systems and public involvement to deliver improved performance. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and businesses develop agreements that deliver environmental performance and regulatory flexibility.

Green Tier – Green Tier seeks ways to change "no you can't" to "yes we can". Strategic alliances deliver brand value, brand protection and enhance community relationships. Green Tier captures environmental outcomes using environmental contracts to forge more efficient and effective working relationships. Incentives encourage parties to go beyond compliance and address regulated and non-regulated environmental issues.

ISO 14000 and Environmental Management Systems (EMS) – We help evaluate, Wonder what my company could gain by doing an EMS?

promote, assist and document voluntary use of EMS standards in Wisconsin.

Pollution Prevention and Waste Minimization Efforts in Specific Business Sectors

We focus on developing relationships between businesses and environmental organizations utilizing partnerships, recognition programs, various communication tools and a sector-based approach. Business sector specialists provide coordinated, cross-media technical and compliance assistance. They can also help with consistency issues. Our purpose is to reduce environmental impacts by making regulations clearer and proposing practices that prevent pollution and minimize waste. The sectors that currently have specialists are listed on the last page.

- Aquaculture Sector Interactions The aquaculture sector specialist serves as a liaison to inform fish farmers about DNR regulations and to bring their concerns to the attention of appropriate DNR staff. The specialist represents DNR on an industry advisory council, coordinates workgroup meetings and participates in the trade association's annual convention.
- Pulp and Paper Pollution Prevention Partnership - aims at creating cost-effective environmental improvement opportunities.

• Wisconsin / Department of Defense
Pollution Prevention Alliance -- The state
of Wisconsin and the Department of
Defense have formed a voluntary Alliance
that focuses on pollution prevention and
information exchange at defense sites. The
Alliance's mission is to create a working
relationship with government agencies and
local communities to promote and
implement pollution prevention as the
preferred strategy for protecting the
environment, conserving resources, fostering
community well-being and enhancing
mission readiness at DOD facilities. A sector
specialist is co-chair of the Alliance.

Recognizing good environmental players

- The Hot Mix Asphalt Environmental Leadership award is an example of an industry sector working proactively with a regulatory agency and local government to improve the environment and enhance their public image. Winners of this award have achieved environmental excellence above and beyond what is required of them by environmental regulations and also excelled in safety, plant appearance and community relations. In the first two years, 27 asphalt plants earned this award.
- Dry Cleaners' Partnership and 5 Star Award Program is an example of a trade organization working with DNR to

recognize good actors.

How many stars does our dry cleaner have?

The program focuses on reducing the toxicity of wastes in the dry cleaning process and rewards participants through a five-star recognition program that is a tiered system of increasingly ambitious environmental performance designed to attract customers to participating businesses.

• Not specific to a sector, the P/E/P (Prevention/Environment/Prosperity)
Award is presented to businesses at Natural Resources Board Meetings for innovative pollution prevention activities.

Privatized Self-Monitoring

The Wisconsin Institute of Scrap Recyclers, the Concerned Auto Recyclers of Wisconsin and DNR developed the **Storm Water**

Cooperative Compliance Program (CCP). This Would my trade unique program is group benefit designed to encourage from a program group participation which like this? includes annual training, expert assistance, group annual reporting, annual self audits, implementation of Best Management Practices through phases, while offering regulatory flexibility. Currently seven CCP's are operating with a membership of about 400 auto and scrap recycling facilities.

Industries remove mercury

The Auto and Scrap Recycling
Industry and DNR recently
kicked off a Mercury
Collection Program

aimed at recovering mercury switches from scrapped autos and appliances. Through grants DNR is helping dairy farmers replace their mercury-containing pressure gauges with non-mercury alternatives. Many communities are working with their dentists, hospitals, schools and other businesses to reduce mercury in the environment.

Policy & Issues

Can my business

eliminate

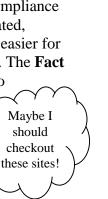
mercury?

Our program works to influence policy development and issue management. We research, develop and introduce pilot programs, voluntary approaches and performance based tools that help achieve and exceed the desired environmental result. The Community Mercury Reduction Program and the Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxins (PBTs) Policy Framework are examples of this work.

Accessible Information

By providing information and assistance, we try to help businesses get into compliance and prevent pollution. Consolidated, electronic reporting is making it easier for businesses to report information. The **Fact System** provides public access to

emission and discharge information. Several websites (see below) put a wealth of information at your fingertips.



Beyond compliance begins with compliance. With this in mind, we are building an electronic, environmental **Permit Primer**. The permit assistance web page prompts businesses with questions to help them understand and prepare for the types of regulations that affect their industry. Moving through the different programs, business owners can determine what permits are applicable to them and learn how pollution prevention can save them money and reduce regulatory oversight. Let us know if you're interested in "test-driving" this in-progress primer.

On-line resources

■ Please visit our Bureau's Website: <u>www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cea/</u> Provides details about our programs, projects and resources.

■Wisconsin's Pollution Prevention website: http://wip2.uwex.edu/

DNR, UW-Extension, Department of Commerce and Department of Agriculture have combined their pollution prevention resources at this one site. It contains news, services, publications, contacts, and compliance info. A great place for both the beginner and the expert.

■ Fact System: http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/

Gives Internet access to information about air emissions, wastewater discharges, and hazardous waste generation in Wisconsin. Go to the DNR homepage, scroll down to "Go to some top topics:" and select "Fact System."



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